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REVIVE YANGTZE SHIPPING INDUSTRY

With government financial aid amounting to 9.3 billion yuan during the past 6 months, most of the 26 privately owned shipping companies in Chungking, such as Min-sheng, Ch'iang-hua, and Ho-chung, are getting back to normalcy. In particular, the Min-sheng, possessing 77 percent of all merchant ships in the Southwest, is again operating on a sound financial basis.

Following in the steps of the CMSNC, the Min-sheng Shipping Company began accepting cargo destined for Southwest China from Shanghai by way of Chungking, Lu-hsien, and I-pin in Szechwan.

Nearly all the inland waterways in North China, the Nan-yun Ho (Southern Grand Canal), Ta-ch'ing Ho, Tzu-ya Ho, Pei-yun Ho (Northern Grand Canal), and Yung-ting Ho, are served by about 2,000 wooden boats and 20 motorboats.

The Transportation Department of the Kwantung Provincial government is pushing preparations to incorporate all public-owned shipping companies under its jurisdiction and to organize the Kwantung Province State-owned Shipping Company.

The number of ships plying the Canton--Fort Bayard--Hai-k'ou route is gradually increasing. The two ships, Fu-hua and Hsin-chi, are already serving these routes, and several more are scheduled to serve soon.

GOVERNMENT AIDS YANGTZE SHIPPING COMPANIES -- Hong Kong, Hsing-tao Jih-pao,
7 Nov 50

Peiping, 23 October -- With government financial aid amounting to 9.3 billion yuan during the past 6 months, most of the 26 privately owned shipping companies in Chungking, such as the Min-sheng, Ch'iang-hua, and Ho-chung, are getting back to normalcy. According to June 1950 data, the amount of freight and passengers transported by these shipping companies from Chungking to various

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places along the Yangtze increased by 63 and 54 percent, respectively, over April 1950. In the Southwest, excluding the Yangtze, there are 20,000 li /one li equals 1/3 miles/ of inland waterways which are traveled by civilian wooden boats. These waterways also play an important part in the transportation system in that area; about 90 percent of them are now open for navigation.

MTN-SHENG SHIPPING COMPANY RECOVERING -- Hong Kong, Wen-hui Pao, 9 Nov 50

Chungking, 7 November -- The Min-sheng Shipping Company in Chungking, owning 77 percent of all merchant ships in the Southwest, is again operating on a sound financial basis, after receiving about 1.5 billion yuan of financial help from the government. It has 61 percent of its ships back in operation, compared with 41 percent in February 1950. Most of the repairs to the ships have already been completed; under reorganized management, the ships are carrying greater loads, making faster time on each trip, and saving fuel.

SHIPPING COMPANY STARTS SHANGHAI-SW CHINA SERVICE --- Shanghai, Ta Kung Pao, 12 Oct 50

Shanghai -- Following in the steps of the China Merchants' Steam Navigation Company, the Min-sheng Shipping Company began accepting cargo destined for Southwest China from Shanghai by way of Chungking, Lu-hsien, and I-pin in Szechwan Province. The cargo loaded in Shanghai will be transported by ship to Chungking, and from there it will be reloaded to ships going to Lu-hsien and I-pin. From Lu-hsien and I-pin, it will be sent over land to the cities in Southwest China. The CMSNC began this service in September 1950 and has already sent more than 200 tons of freight to K'un-ming through this route.

TRAFFIC NORTH CHINA'S INLAND WATERWAYS -- Tientsin, 22 Oct 50

Nearly all the inland waterways in North China are served by about 2,000 wooden boats, which make up the nucleus of the transportation system at present, and by 20 or more motorboats. The most heavily traveled of the waterways are the Nan-yun Ho (Southern Grand Canal), Ta-ch'ing Ho, and Tzu-ya, while the Pei-yun Ho (Northern Grand Canal) and Yung-ting Ho are not yet utilized commercially other than by a small number of boats. The largest of these 2,000 wooden boats can carry up to 150 tons, but the majority of them have a loading capacity of only about 50 tons. These boats, making Tientsin their terminal, reach Hsin-hsiang in P'ing-yuan Province through the Nan-yun Ho, Ma-t'ou-chin in Hopeh Province through the Tzu-ya Ho, Pao-ting through the Ta-ch'ing Ho, Hsien-shui-ku and T'ang-ku through the Hai Ho, and Han-ku and Lu-t'ai through the Tung-pei Ho.

The Nan-yun Ho, from Tientsin to Hsin-hsiang, is 2,138 li; the Tzu-ya Ho from Tientsin to Ma-t'ou-chin, is 1,524 li; and the Ta-ch'ing Ho, from Tientsin to Pao-ting, is 432 li.

There are, at present, about 20 motorboats owned by the government serving these waterways, which are mainly used for carrying passengers. From Tientsin these motorboats reach Sha-ho-ch'iao through the Tzu-ya Ho, Hsin-chin and Hsin-an through the Ta-ch'ing Ho, and Hsien-shui-ku and T'ang-ku through the Hai Ho.

STATE OWNED SHIPPING COMPANY TO BE SET UP IN CANTON -- Hong Kong, Wen-hui Pao, 16 Oct 50

Canton, 15 October -- By order of the Central and South China Military Control Commission and the Central and South China Bureau of the Central Chinese Communist Party, the Transportation Department of the Kwangtung Provincial

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government is pushing preparations to place all public-owned shipping companies under its jurisdiction and to organize the Kwangtung Province State-owned Shipping Company. Necessary rules and regulations will be drawn up as soon as questionnaires regarding ships and warehouses now owned or operated by various organizations and military forces are returned to the department.

IMPROVE SHIPPING SERVICE AROUND CANTON -- Hong Kong, Hsing-tao Jih-pao,
30 Oct 50

Canton, 29 October -- Shipping service on the Canton -- Fort Bayard -- Hai-k'ou route is gradually being improved. The two ships, Fu-hua and Hsin-chi, service the Canton to Hai-k'ou and Fort Bayard routes regularly at present, the former on the Fort Bayard route and the latter on the Hai-k'ou route. Several more ships are scheduled to serve these routes soon.

The goods going from Canton to Hai-k'ou and Fort Bayard consist of fertilizer, petroleum products, rice, and industrial raw materials; those coming to Canton are mainly brown sugar, cloth, vegetable oil, and domestic animals and fowls.

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